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SUBJECT: MODE - APHIS MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY PREVENTION
PROGRAM

1. UNDER AUTHORITY OF P.L. 94-231 (MARCH 15, 1976) AND IN
LIGHT OF RECENT MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY SPREAD INTO EL
SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA, AGRICULTURE/ANIMAL AND
PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE HAS BEEN DEVELOPING COOPER-
ATIVE PLANS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THOSE THREE COUNT-
RIES PLUS MEXICO, BELIZE AND OIRSA, TO COMBAT FURTHER
SPREAD NORTHWARD OF THE MEDFLY PEST. BELIEVE GEORGE CAVIN
OF APHIS MONTERREY OFFICE HAS BEEN IN BELIZE TO DISCUSS
EVENTUAL PREVENTIVE EFFORTS THERE. UNDERSTAND FROM APHIS
THAT HE REVIEWED WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICER THE DRAFT OF A
PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE SUBJECT BETWEEN
USG (APHIS) AND GOB (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LANDS).

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2. THAT PROPOSED MOU HAS NOW BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL USDA AND LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE DOCUMENT WAS REFERRED TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR COORDINATION AND EMBASSY HAS ADVISED OF CLEARANCE FROM LONDON. INASMUCH AS GOB MINISTER MARIN AND MR. KING ARE IN WASHINGTON FROM BELIZE FOR MEAT IMPORT NEGOTIATIONS,

SIGNING OF MOU IN WASHINGTON WAS PROPOSED TO GOB. PRIME MINISTER INITIALLY WISHED TO SIGN FOR BELIZE THERE BUT ACCEDDED TO REQUEST OF MINISTER MARIN FOR AUTHORITY TO SIGN HERE. SIGNING SCHEDULE IS 10:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, IN OFFICE OF DR. F. J. MULHERN, ADMINISTRATOR, APHIS. ENABLING NATURE OF MOU WILL BE STRESSED AT TIME OF SIGNING AS INITIATION OF WORK IS CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH B.5. COPY OF MOU WILL BE FORWARDED TO BELIZE BY POUCH.

3. APHIS PLANNING ENVISAGES EMPLOYMENT OF TWO BELIZIANS AT APHIS EXPENSE, TO CONDUCT A SURVEY AND MONITOR AGAINST MEDFLY NORTHWARD SPREAD. DETAILS CONCERNING FUNDING AND MODE SPACES STILL BEING WORKED OUT. MEANWHILE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY PO BELIZE CONCERNING THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH TWO FN POSITIONS THERE. ROBINSON

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